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1. THE POLICY REVIEW GROUP HAS COMPLETED WORK AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN COMPLETE COUNTRY TEAM REVIEW AND SEND DETAILED COMMENT TO YOU BEFORE JANUARY 10. I THINK IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE AMBASSADOR ELIOT'S INPUT FOR OUR ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW AND HE WILL NOT BE BACK ON STATION UNTIL DECEMBER 31.

2. IF YOU ARE FACED WITH AN EARLY JANUARY DEADLINE PER LANDE'S RECENT COMMENT TO THE AMBASSADOR, I CAN RECORD THE IMPRESSION FROM COUNTRY TEAM TALKS THAT THERE WILL BE NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME FROM HERE IN THE BASIC PAPER ON AFGHANISTAN APPROVED IN JUNE 1976. OUR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS SO FAR RELATE TO ASSISTANCE LEVELS, METHODOLOGY AND EFFICIENCY RATHER THAN TO THE POLICY PARAMETERS OF THE U.S. TOWARDS AFGHANISTAN AND THE REGION.

3. IN ANY EVENT, PLEASE ADVISE IF FINAL SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW BY JANUARY 10 IS REQUIRED.

4. REGARDS.
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